

Brendan Behan Quotes

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New York is my Lourdes, where I go for spiritual refreshment... a place where you're least likely to be bitten by a wild goat.

~Brendan Behan

The most important things to do in the world are to get something to eat, something to drink and somebody to love you.

~Brendan Behan

It's not that the Irish are cynical. It's rather that they have a wonderful lack of respect for everything and everybody.

~Brendan Behan

I have never seen a situation so dismal that a policeman couldn't make it worse.

~Brendan Behan

They took away our land, our language, and our religion; but they could never harness our tongues.

~Brendan Behan

The terrorist is the one with the small bomb.

~Brendan Behan

I only take a drink on two occasions - when I'm thirsty and when I'm not.

~Brendan Behan

I was court-martialled in my absence, and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence.

~Brendan Behan

Other people have a nationality. The Irish and the Jews have a psychosis.

~Brendan Behan

The only thing I envy in young people is their livers.

~Brendan Behan

The English and Americans dislike only some Irish--the same Irish that the Irish themselves detest, Irish writers--the ones that think.

~Brendan Behan

Ah, bless you, Sister, may all your sons be bishops.

~Brendan Behan

An author's first duty is to let down his country.

~Brendan Behan

There is no such thing as bad publicity except your own obituary.

~Brendan Behan

Critics are like eunuchs in a harem; they know how it's done, they've seen it done every day, but they're unable to do it themselves.

~Brendan Behan

I am a drinker with writing problems.

~Brendan Behan

I'm a Communist by day and a Catholic as soon as it gets dark.

~Brendan Behan

One drink is to many for me and a thousand not enough.

~Brendan Behan

Nothing hurts more than the friendly letter that one never got around to writing.

~Brendan Behan

The big difference between sex for money and sex for free is that sex

for money usually costs a lot less.

~Brendan Behan

Whatever you hold in contempt is your jailer.

~Brendan Behan

Every cripple has his own way of walking.

~Brendan Behan

I am married to Beatrice Salkeld, a painter. We have no children, except me.

~Brendan Behan

Shakespeare said pretty well everything and what he left out, James Joyce, with a judge from meself, put in.

~Brendan Behan

I saw a notice that said "Drink Canada Dry" and I've just started.

~Brendan Behan

Failure at a task may be the result of having tackled it at the wrong time.

~Brendan Behan

Other people's interruptions of your work are relatively insignificant compared with the countless times you interrupt yourself.

~Brendan Behan

Many a man has decided to stay alive not because of the will to live but because of the determination not to give assorted surviving bastards the satisfaction of his death.

~Brendan Behan

I think weddings are sadder than funerals, because they remind you of

your own wedding. You can't be reminded of your own funeral because it hasn't happened. But weddings always make me cry.

~Brendan Behan

Most horror movies are certainly that.

~Brendan Behan

I am a daylight atheist.

~Brendan Behan

To get enough to eat was regarded as an achievement. To get drunk was a victory.

~Brendan Behan

The Bible was a consolation to a fellow alone in the old cell. The lovely thin paper with a bit of mattress stuffing in it, if you could get a match, was as good a smoke as I ever tasted.

~Brendan Behan

No man can discover his own talents.

~Brendan Behan

Message? What the hell do you think I am, a bloody postman?

~Brendan Behan

It is a good deed to forget a poor joke

~Brendan Behan

All publicity is good, except an obituary notice.

~Brendan Behan

There's no bad publicity except an obituary.

~Brendan Behan

I cannot imagine any crime worse than taking a life, can you? -It'd depend whose life.

~Brendan Behan

When two men fight over a woman it's the fight they want, not the woman.

~Brendan Behan

He was born an Englishman and remained one for years.

~Brendan Behan

Scream at God if that's the only thing that will get results.

~Brendan Behan

Prostitutes, more than any other profession, help keep American marriages together.

~Brendan Behan

If you accept your limitations you go beyond them.

~Brendan Behan

If it was raining soup, the Irish would go out with forks.

~Brendan Behan

Critics are like eunuchs; they can tell you what to do, but they can't do it themselves!

~Brendan Behan

There is no human situation so miserable that it cannot be made worse by the presence of a policeman.

~Brendan Behan

There's no one, no one, loves you like yourself.

~Brendan Behan

I wish I'd been a mixed infant.

~Brendan Behan

What the hell difference does it make, left or right? There were good men lost on both sides.

~Brendan Behan

Pound notes are the best religion in the world.

~Brendan Behan

The sun was in mind to come out but having a look at the weather it was in lost heart and went back again.

~Brendan Behan

God forgive us-but most of us grew up to be the sort of men our mothers warned us against.

~Brendan Behan

When I'm talking to people I like to stop and quote myself. My quotes have a way of spicing up conversation.

~Brendan Behan

A man is fortunate if he encounters living examples of vice, as well as of virtue, to inspire him.

~Brendan Behan

I never felt so much at home as I do in New York. I must be a devil.

~Brendan Behan

In a society which really supported marriage the wife would be encouraged to go to the office and make love to her husband on the company's time and with its blessing.

~Brendan Behan

I ruined my health drinking to other people's.

~Brendan Behan

I'm a drinker with a writing problem.

~Brendan Behan

That you, sister. May you be the mother of a bishop.

~Brendan Behan

You made one mistake. You married me.

~Brendan Behan

A pedestrian ought to be legally allowed to toss at least one hand grenade at a motorist every day.

~Brendan Behan

A general and a bit of shooting makes you forget your troubles ... it takes your mind off the cost of living.

~Brendan Behan

Ninety-seven saint days a year wouldn't affect the theater, but two Yom Kippurs would ruin it.

~Brendan Behan

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